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SUBJ: PLO'S KHADDOUMI BASTS USG ON LEBANON

1. IN Q AND A SESSION AT TOKYO FOREIGN PRESS CLUB
ON APRIL 26, PLO QUOTE FOREIGN MINISTER UNQUOTE FAROUK
KHADDOUMI REPEATEDLY ASSERTED THAT US ALONE IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR CONTINUING CRISIS IN LEBANON. HE ALLEGED THATUS,
SPECIFICALLY SPECIAL ENVOY BROWN, AMBASSADOR GODLEY
AND THE CIA, HAS SABOTAGED BOTH FRENCH AND
SYRIAN MEDIATION EFFORTS. KHADDOUMI CHARGED THAT CIA
HAS LEGIONS OF AGENTS PROVACATEURS IN LEBANON THROUGH
WHICH IT CHANNELS ARMS INDISCRIMINATELY: IT DOES NOT
SUPPORT ANY SIDE, BUT SIMPLY AIMS TO PIT ARAB AGAINST
ARAB AND MINIMIZE PALESTINIAN INFLUENCE.

2. KHADDOUMI IS VISITING JAPAN AS GUEST OF RULING
LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY. PRESS CONFERNCE, AND
MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER MIKI DURING MORNING OF
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APRIL 26 APPEAR TO BE CLIMAX OF VISIT. KHADDOUMI SAID

HE GOT FROM MIKI QUOTE WORDS OF SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT
FOR PALESTINIAN CAUSE UNQUOTE.

3. KHADDOUMI DERIVED HIS EXPLANATION OF LEBANON CRISIS
FROM THESIS THAT USG, DESPITE SAUNDERS' STATEMENT ON
PALESTINIAN INTERESPTS, STILL WANTS TO IMPOSE AMERICAN
SOLUTION ON THE ARABS. US SEEKS TO IGNORE PALESTINIANS,
WHO ARE THE PRINCIPAL PARTY TO THE DISPUTE. BUT,
KHADDOUMI CONTINUE, ARABS WILL NOT BE SPLIT. ALL ARAB
LEADERS, EVEN SADAT, ARE CAREFUL TO UPHOLD APALESTINIAN
CAUSE WHEN DEALING WITH US. SOME, E.G. ALGERIANS, SIDE
OPENLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY WITH THE PLO, WHILE SOME, E.G.
SAUDIS AND KUWAITIS, ARE SECRETLY WITH PLO.

4. ASKED IF WORRIED ABOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ISRAELI
POSSESSION, KHADDOUMI SAID HE IS CONFIDENT THAT INTERNATIONAL
PUBLIC OPINION WILL DETERTEL AVIV FROM USING THEM
IT IS CLEAR, HE ADDED, THAT THE BOMBS WERE PROVIDED
TO ISRAEL BY THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION (AT TIME OF
OCTOBER WAR) ON PRETEXT THAT THE USSR WAS GIVING
EGYPT NUCLEAR ARMS.

5. COMMENT. LARGE PRESS CLUB CROWD, MOSTLY
JOURNALISTS AND DIPLOMATS, APPEAED TO BE DISAPPOINTED
AN IN MANY CASES ALIENATED BY KHADDOUMI'S CLUMSY, OFTEN
BOORISH PERFORMANCE.
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